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**Town of Brentwood
Budget Committee Hearing
Minutes of January 9, 2012**

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Krista Steger, Bob Mantegari, Malcolm Allison, John Lyon, Dianne Vosgien (School Board Representative), Jeff Bryan (Select Board).

Public present: Ken Christiansen, Crystal Buswell, Donna Benshemer, Kathy Desmarais, Joan Ostrowski, Wayne Robinson, Archie Schroeder, Cathy Blaisdell, Lana Hoyt, Lisa Swasey, Pat Peterson, Kathie Babine, Kim Woods, Paula Rushia, Sean Hartnett, Linda Garey, Michael Morgan, Sheila Lane, Dianne VanderMale.

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1. Motion to approve the draft minutes from December 19, 2011. Malcolm/Bob, approved, 7-0, 1 Abstention (Jeff).
2. Attendance issues: Krista will need to depart early tonight due to family needs. Correspondence submitted from Malcolm: request to attend the Jan. 16, 2012 meeting electronically. Motion to approve request, Bob/Krista, approved 8-0. Malcolm to call Jeff's cell and attend meeting via telephone.
3. Motion to amend Budcom By-Laws with clause to allow for electronic attendance, Bob/Malcolm as outlined in RSA 9:2. Approved 8-0. Elyse to advise Karen and provide the amended page 4, section D to her.
4. School Coop Budget Status (Brentwood Rep). All are invited to attend the Public Hearing January 12 for the warrants to be presented for the SAU 16 budgets and proposed contracts. The operating budget has been proposed for \$49,945,945.00, an increase of \$1,023,414.00 over last year (2011-2012), up 2.09%. The default budget, should this budget fail is \$49,365,552.00, a \$580,393.00 difference from the proposed. The proposed operating budget is a 2.09% increase; the default, should the operating budget fail to pass, is a .91% increase. The tax impact for Brentwood would be .55 cents/\$1000 for the proposed or .37 cents/\$1000 valuation for the default. In addition there are three proposed contracts as follows:
 - a. Proposed 2 year contract for Exeter Area administrators (18 people) that calls for increases estimated at \$27, 863 for 2012-2013 approximately a 2% increase, and a similar increase for 2013-2014. Brentwood impact is .009 cents/\$1000.
 - b. Proposed 3 year contract for Exeter Paraprofessionals (94 people) that calls for increases estimated at \$44,962.00 for 2012-2013, steps only for year one, and approximately a 1% increase plus steps for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Brentwood impact is .014 cents/\$1000.

- c. Proposed 2 year contract for Exeter Education Association (255 people) that calls for increases estimated at \$357,836 for 2012-2013, and \$601,800 for 2013-2014, a 2.15% increase per year plus 5-7% in steps. Brentwood impact is 11 cents per \$1000 in year one.
 - d. A proposed contribution of up to \$150,000.00 for a "Maintenance Fund" to fund long term and unexpected maintenance and repair to school buildings and grounds, to be funded by surplus.
- 5. Motion to approve \$5,065,497.00 for Swasey School operating budget, a reduction of \$69,270, Bill/Bob. Much discussion centered around the need for a new position of curriculum coordinator, with a suggestion that this could be addressed as a warrant article rather than embedded in the operating budget. This motion Failed 5-2. Motion to approve \$5,134, 767.00, Krista/ Diane, which includes this new position included in the operating budget. This motion was Approved, 5-2.
- 6. Motion to recommend the new Swasey teacher contract by the Budget Committee, Bill/Krista. The negotiating team put a lot of effort into this contract and the Budcom felt that this seems like a good faith negotiation. Approved to recommend the new contract, 6-1.
- 7. Town Budgets
 - a. **4150-08, Information Systems** Motion to discuss, Krista/Bob. This adds hardware purchases including firewall switches etc to support the new Bayring system which decreases overall information systems costs.) Motion to approve in amount of, \$27, 372.00, Jeff/Diane, Approved 7-0.
 - b. **4191-14, Zoning Board**, Motion to approve, Malcolm/Krista, Approved in amount of, \$939.00, 7-0
 - c. **4240-20, Code Enforcement**, Motion to approve Diane/Malcolm, Approved in amount of, \$13,490.00, 7-0
 - d. **4323-28/29, Waste Collection (recycling, collection, disposal)**, Motion to approve, Jeff/Malcolm, Approved in amount of \$273,663.00.
 - e. **4210-17, Police Dept**, Motion to reconsider, Bob/Malcolm. The Chief discussed increase in salary for two officers who have not had any raise in nearly three years. He justified giving additional percentages over the 2% approved, and pointed out he reduced his budget overall to cover this increase. Salary line is down 0.65%. Motion to approve, Jeff/Diane, in amount of \$511,745.00 (previously approved 11/17/11), approved 7-0.
 - f. Bottom line amount for Town Operations to date is Budcom approved: \$2,731,291 (\$11,947 or .44 % increase); selectmen approved: \$2,734,720 (a \$15,376 or .56% increase), a difference of \$3,429 between the two Boards.
- 8. Warrant Articles discussion with Jeff. The Select board anticipates four warrants. One for the Highway for road paving, one for bridge repairs and one for building

maintenance, all these have been discussed and forwarded at town meeting in the past. An additional warrant is expected for a new police vehicle to replace an aging vehicle. Budcom asked Wayne if he could move up his presentations to the Select board this week so Budcom has an opportunity to review and act on these warrants at our next meeting, Jan 16. Wayne will prepare presentations and make presentation to the Select Board on Tuesday, Jan 10 to meet our requested deadline.

9. Public comment. Ken Christiansen again reflected that he was unable to see and review minutes from our last meeting. Bill advised that the minutes were sent to Karen, and they should be available on the website. Elyse suggested that Karen just may have been busy with the many end of year issues with budget, and select board issues that they may not have been posted. Elyse advised Ken she will include him an email with the approved minutes.

NB: Upon review later, all approved minutes were indeed viewable on Town website at the time of the meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 16, 2012, at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:25, Jeff/Diane 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

William C Faria